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**CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
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Sir:

Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 09-251993, filed September 17, 1997, Japanese Patent Application No. 09-252000, filed September 17, 1997, and Japanese Patent Application No. 10-251068, filed September 4, 1998, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

Certified copies of said Japanese Patent Applications are of record in parent Patent No. 6,078,727, which is the parent of Patent No. 6,229,955, which is the parent of application Serial No. 09/671,107, filed September 28, 2000, which is the parent of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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